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Highest honors from the Dutch Crown for Aruban Ed Cheung



named as Knight in the Order of the Netherlands Lion, ranking after the Order of William, which is only awarded for military merit. The announcement of Dr. Cheung earning this highly ranked decoration is a particular source of pride for all Arubans, as, according to the governor's office, he is the first individual from the Caribbean to receive this honor, which was

first created in 1815 by King William I of the Netherlands. Since obtaining his Masters and PhD from Yale University with a scholarship funded by Phillips Labs and NASA, Dr. Cheung has been a part of U.S. space program, eventually achieving the position of Principal Engineer of the Hubble Space Telescope Service Project. Residing in the U.S. near Goddard Space Center, where he is stationed, he travels back

to Aruba annually to visit family, and has frequently lectured to islanders about the HST and the latest developments. He has stated frequently his intention to stimulate island youth to obtain the highest levels of education and encourage them to realize that there are no limits to what they can accomplish. During a crisis with the HST in 2002, which threatened the project, Dr. Cheung and his team devised a fix for a problem with the cooling system which NASA allowed him to name the ASCS/NCS Relay Unit Breaker Assembly, or ARUBA box, to further spark pride and interest among the people of his native island. Though now a long time resident of the U.S., he continues to defer to his homeland whenever possible, and during his visit in August of 2009 gave a lecture regarding the final HST mission the preceding May in

the ballroom of the Occidental Grand Resort to a fascinated audience of nearly 500. Governor Refunjol stated Dr. Cheung was selected for the singular honor of being decorated as Knight in the Order of the Netherlands Lion for his dedication to advancing

the education of island youth as well as his great success. He informed Dr. Cheung regarding this the day prior to the award ceremony, and the scientist and his family will return to Aruba in June to receive his medal.

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NYPD interviews registered owner of car bomb SUV

NEW YORK (AP) — Investigators have spoken to the registered owner of a sport utility vehicle that contained a home-made bomb in the failed Times Square terrorist attack, but he is not considered a suspect, officials said yesterday.

The car was registered in Connecticut, where the owner on record was questioned Sunday night about what happened to the SUV since it was in his possession, according to law enforcement officials, who both spoke on condition of anonymity because the case is at a sensitive stage.

The man was not considered a suspect, but the officials declined to say why, or to discuss any leads stemming from the interview.

Paul Browne, the NYPD's deputy commissioner for public information, would not give further details on the registered owner but said officials were still looking for the driver.

The vehicle identification number on the 1993 dark-colored Nissan Pathfinder had been removed from the dashboard, but it was stamped on the engine and axle. Its license plates came from a car found in a Connecticut repair shop.

Investigators were also looking yesterday to speak with a man in his 40s videotaped shedding his shirt near the sport utility vehicle where the bomb was found.

The surveillance video, made public late Sunday, shows the man slipping down Shubert Alley and taking off his shirt, revealing another underneath. In the same clip, he looks back in the direction of the smoking vehicle and furtively puts the first shirt in a bag.

Attorney General Eric Holder said yesterday that investigators have some good leads in addition to the videotape of the man. Holder said in

remarks to reporters that it is too early to say whether the incident was of foreign or domestic origin or to designate it as terrorism.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said yesterday that no suspects or theories had been ruled out. "Right now, every lead has to be pursued," she said.

And investigators had not ruled out a range of possible motives. The Pakistani Taliban appeared to claim responsibility for the car bomb in three videos that surfaced after the weekend scare, monitoring groups said. New York officials said police have no evidence to support the claims.

Peter King, the top Republican on the House Homeland Security Committee, said yesterday on Fox News that there was no intelligence chatter before Saturday, making a foreign connection unlikely.

Volcanic ash prompts Ireland to close its airports

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Ireland's Aviation Authority said yesterday it was banning all flights in and out of Ireland this morning because of a renewed risk of volcanic ash drifting south from Iceland.

All flights to and from Irish airports will be banned from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. local time Tuesday (2 a.m. to 8 a.m. EDT), the authority said in a statement. The restrictions will not affect planes flying over Ireland from Britain and Europe.

"The decision is based on the safety risks to crews and passengers as a result of the drift south of the volcanic ash cloud caused by the northeast-

erly winds," the statement said.

Ireland is expected to experience ash concentrations that exceed acceptable engine manufacturer tolerance levels, the authority said.

Iceland's Meteorological Office said the restrictions were caused by a change in wind direction in the past few days, not an increased amount of ash spewing from southern Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull volcano.

The eruption continued to be stable, the forecaster said.

The volcano unleashed a massive ash plume last month that turned much of European into a no-fly zone for days.

Clinton says it's time for strong Iran penalties

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, accusing Iran of "flouting the rules," called yesterday for a strong international response to Tehran's alleged development of a nuclear weapons program.

Earlier in the day, the first in a monthlong conference reviewing the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad rejected such allegations, saying Washington has offered not "a single credible proof."

Nashville braces for more flooding as river swells



NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) — Nashville braced for more deaths yesterday as the flooded Cumberland River continued to swell, sending muddy water rushing through neighbor-

hoods and into parts of the historic heart of Music City after a destructive line of weekend storms killed 22 people in Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky.

The flash floods caught the city off-guard, and thousands of residents and tourists were forced to flee homes and hotels as the river rapidly spilled over its banks. Eleven of the 12 people killed in Tennessee drowned, including six in Nashville.

Using motor boats, jet skis and canoes, authorities and volunteers rescued residents trapped in flooded homes on

Monday, some which looked like islands surrounded by dark brown river water.

The downtown — home of a historic warehouse district that dates back to the 1800s and is now occupied by bars and restaurants — was nearly deserted yesterday after authorities evacuated the area. Floodwater spilled into some streets near the riverfront, and restaurants and bars in the warehouse district were closed.

The Cumberland flooded quickly after the weekend's storms dumped more than 13 inches of rain in Nashville over two days. That nearly doubled the previous record of 6.68 inches of rain that fell in the wake of Hurricane Fredrick in 1979.

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Oslin J. Boekhoudt of W.E.B.: looking towards a powerful future for Aruba



OJ making donation during opening of Vader Piet

In mid-December of last year, Aruba's water and power provider, Water-en Energiebedrijf Aruba N.V., WEB, unveiled their first major renewable energy source: Vader Piet Windmill Park. It was also the first major public appearance of WEB's new director, Oslin J. Boekhoudt. Jossy Lacle, the face of WEB for 19 years, had reached retirement age in October and gladly handed over the baton to his successor, who has decades of

experience in the management of such facilities, spending the last three as Routine Maintenance and Turnaround Manager for the Valero Refinery.

Director Boekhoudt, AKA "O.J." to his colleagues and friends, confirmed during an interview with THE MORNING NEWS that he will continue with the goal of his predecessor; moving Aruba towards independence from fossil fuels, which is not only healthy for the environment,

but as the past two years has shown, economically sound.

TMN: What do you see as the priorities and major projects for WEB in the immediate future? OJ: We need to continue reducing our fuel consumption; it is the greatest threat to our production, now responsible for 70% or more of our costs. It has a major impact on our bottom line, particularly the price fluctuations. When oil spirals to over \$100 dollars a barrel it really affects us. Based on that, our main strategy is to reduce that consumption and still maintain the same production capability.

Aside from the wind park, we are also changing water production to reverse-osmosis instead of steam, which reduces energy consumption costs by 75%, and continuing to change the technology that produces power. In all aspects we are moving away from engines to more efficient methods. We already have on R/O plant in operation and are working on a second; this will be much bigger than the first.

TMN: Renewable energy is on everyone's mind; what do you perceive as the most feasible projects for Aruba?

OJ: We have a main strategic plan called Energia Aruba 2025, which is our guideline towards less dependency on fossil fuels. The main thing is that alternate energy projects are financially feasible. We have done many studies of all the possible sources. Presently, what appears to be one of the most likely to work is Sea Water Air-conditioning. "Deep Sea Cooling" uses the cold water from the depths and sends it to major consumers, such as the resorts. The water would cool the air and reduced energy consumption greatly over using compressors.

TMN: What renovations would this require from the resorts? OJ: Some re-tubing and re-engineering in the rooms; but it would be a win/win situation for the resorts. We are studying if Aruba has the conditions to allow for this, and if it can be economically justified, as there is always the bottom line.

TMN: Many people have expressed Aruba could easily take advantage of solar power; China and Russia are depending on it, so why not Aruba?



OJ Boekhoudt and Jossy Lacle

OJ: These nations have huge uninhabited land masses where they can build solar fields capable of powering entire cities; Aruba's land is at a premium, this is a major obstacle. They also have huge economies to invest the billions required; Aruba again, does not. Also we need to pay attention to our climate. It may be quite healthy to live in, but the environment is very corrosive. Many things being manufactured outside are not for our conditions. Whenever they start manufacturing for specific areas, it becomes very expensive. Again, we are looking at the bottom line. When balancing out the cost of running miles of cable to isolated areas, then it may be more feasible for individuals to install personal wind turbines or solar chargers, but there are always maintenance and material issues. Alternative energy has to be tailor-made, and when you go that way you lose the economy of mass production as the product must be manufactured to suit your particular environment and economy, and there is always the issue of a back-up energy source. None of these sources are adequate on their own, there always must be a back-up for when the wind falls or there are days with heavy clouding. People say "wind is free" and I answer "so is gas and oil-in the ground." It is extracting those sources that produce the costs.

Additionally, we are not like large countries with a continental grid, we do not have a back-up grid to rely upon when power shuts down. For us, redundancy is important. Being small and independent has its advantages; but it also requires certain considerations. Aruba has a very good record in the past ten years for reliability once the initial renovations and expansion projects were completed.

TMN: What can consumers do to reduce costs?

OJ: Manage your consumption. Manage use of water and power; make smart decisions—don't waste, and be sure to exploit the latest technology. Heat producing appliances, microwaves and blow dryers, for example, require enormous amounts of energy. Proper insulation on ceiling and walls will result in less power needed to cool the home.

Consumers can save up to 50% by examining and curbing wasteful energy use. Comparing the region, Aruban households have the highest energy demands of the three islands. We use on the average 700 KW per home each month, and despite Curacao having a similar culture, their average consumption is only 400 KW. This should prompt Arubans to examine their homes and consuming habits and see what they can do to reduce their energy bills. When you use more, you pay more, it is that simple.



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A kitesurfer or kiteboarder uses a board with or without foot-straps or bindings, combined with the power of a large controllable kite to propel the rider and the board across the water. In 2006, the number of kitesurfers has been estimated at around 150,000 to 210,000, with 114,465 inflatable kites sold that same year.

The sport is becoming safer due to innovations in kite design, safety release systems, and instructions. Riding styles have evolved to suit riders and conditions, such as wakestyle, waveriding, freestyle, freeride, jump-

ing, and crui-sing.

Kitesurfing started on the island in 1998. Armando Wester, a professional windsurfer and certified instructor, and his buddies were the first ones to introduce Kitesurfing to the island of Aruba.

Since then, they have gotten more than 5,000 visitors and locals hooked on this new adrenaline rush sport. Their years of experience, the trade winds on the island, the beautiful Caribbean Sea and the latest equipment make it an ideal and safe place for anyone to learn to kite. Kitesurfing is a hybrid of wakeboarding, hand-gliding and windsurfing for a radical new approach of kite power.

Anyone between the ages of 8 and 77 can enjoy this sport. So don't hesitate to call Armando or visit him at the Fisherman's huts, just north of the Aruba Marriott Resort, and see for yourself what an exhilarating rush this sport really is.

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Have you had your breakfast today? The Old Fisherman offers breakfast with an Aruban twist



Linda and Ramon Pimienta with their son Raymond, at right

When Linda and Ramon Pimienta started their small business at the old wharf down town, little did they know that they had a goldmine when it comes to the perfect blend of international and local cuisine. Nowadays, they are located right behind the Royal Plaza Mall where they serve up a storm to visitors and locals alike. What is their secret? Offering high quality dishes at super prizes that fit anyone's budget.

For ten years The Old Fisherman has been serving local cuisine with an international twist for lunch and dinner and they have managed to stay on top by using high quality fresh ingredients. From their fish cakes with "funchi" (polenta) and "pan bati" nicely presented to soup of the day accompanied by delicious deserts.

Now they are serving you breakfast with an Aruban twist at bargain prizes.

Monica and Amarilis who have been with the company for ten years are ready to serve you with a smile.

Besides serving traditional breakfast dishes such as eggs sunny side up with ham and cheese, scrambled or plain they also serve pastechi horna (a small pie pocket with different fillings), crêpes, sweet crêpes and bagels with cream cheese, smoked salmon or boiled eggs.

If you want to really experience the Aruban twist you might want to try something from the local breakfast menu served on pan grandi (rama) or a baguette. You can try the delicious kerrie-kerrie (a typical Aruban flaked fish), conch, fish egg, shrimp, fish fillet, fish cake and the chicken soup or you can have fruit salad and yoghurt.

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Felipe B. Tromp winner receiving Cup from Governor Refunjol



Presentation of the guard to the Governor

The traditional opening celebration of Queen's Day, which marks the ascent of H.M. Queen Beatrix to the throne of the Netherlands, took place last Friday April 30, throughout the kingdom and its territories, including Aruba.

Governor Fredis Refunjol was inclined to comment during his address, as the Queen's representative on Aruba, his gratification at the turnout, of island youth in particular, during the official ceremony conducted in the Wilhelmina Park in the early morning. Last year, the protocol ceremony paying homage to Queen Beatrix and the royal family was cancelled due the tragic attempt on their lives by what was determined to be a deranged man, costing him his life and resulting in a number of deaths among spectators. The incident cast a pall on the entire day, as other scheduled festivities took place, but the spirit of celebration was lacking, replaced by shock and dismay.

This year, islanders and officials were determined to return to the festive ambiance of the day; local dignitaries, including Prime Minister Mike Eman and many of his Cabinet, joined the public for

the official presentation of an honor guard from the Royal Dutch Marines. Key speaker for the morning was President of Parliament Andy Lee, who spoke of Aruba's love for Holland and their Queen despite having achieved an independent status in the kingdom twenty-four years ago. He expressed the hope that as the other islands of the Netherlands Antilles face their own change of status,

with Curaçao and St. Martin achieving a similar autonomy within the kingdom, they would realize by Aruba's example that it does not herald any less loyalty to Holland or devotion to their monarch.

Another tradition of the official protocol ceremony is the awarding of the Felipe B. Tromp Youth Award, named for Aruba's first native born governor; usually awarded for outstanding athletic accomplishment and presenting a healthy role model for island youth. Track and Field star Alexander Robert was the recipient for 2010, a local champion in running and triathlon; he was the winner in 2009 of the title of "Young Male Athlete of the Year."

Receiving Honorable Mention and trophies were Albert Jordan Pop, a silver and gold medal winner in baseball, soccer and track and field along with Jerriek Francees, a

Little League star who has distinguished himself playing many positions, including pitcher. Since last year's ceremony was cancelled, plaques for Honorable Mentions 2009 were awarded to Scouting Aruba and the swimmers of the Aruba swimming team, which garnered several gold and silver medals in regional and international competitions, for being exemplary role models for island youth.

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Science/ Tech.

Apple sells 1 million iPads, outdoing first iPhone



CUPERTINO, Calif., — Apple Inc. said Monday that it has sold 1 million of its new iPad tablet computers in the month after its launch, meaning it's been selling more than twice as fast as the iPhone did when it was new.

Apple said it reached the milestone on Friday, when the new 3G model of the iPad was delivered to its first buy-

ers. That model can access AT&T's cellular broadband network. The first models had only Wi-Fi access.

"One million iPads in 28 days — that's less than half of the 74 days it took to achieve this milestone with iPhone," said CEO Steve Jobs. Demand keeps exceeding supply for the tablet, he added.

The iPad went on sale in the U.S. on April 3. Apple has already delayed the international launch of the device, saying sales in the U.S. were unexpectedly strong. It's planning to start taking orders for the iPad from international buyers on May 10.

In morning trading, Apple shares rose \$3.01 to \$264.10.

The iPad is half an inch thick and has a 9.7-inch screen. The Wi-Fi-only models start at \$499, and the 3G models at \$629.

Wii Back in Black with New Sports Resort, MotionPlus Bundle

Firing a precision-control salvo at Sony and Microsoft's upcoming motion-sensing products, Nintendo says it'll upgrade its Wii sales pack to include the Wii MotionPlus snap-on and a copy of Wii Sports Resort, effective May 9. Those "upcoming motion-sensing products" would be Sony's 'Move' and Microsoft 'Natal', which we'll hear more about in June, and hopefully see firsthand when the holidays roll around.

The MotionPlus, which actually debuted back in June 2009, pairs a dual axis tuning fork gyroscope with the Wii Remote's inbuilt accelerometer, allowing for more precise motion capture. It's a godsend in games like Tiger Woods PGA 10, if, like me, you loathe the imprecision of every other Wii-based wood-and-iron swinger.

The only downside, and it's a doozy, is that in nearly

12 months on the market, only a few games support the MotionPlus, ranging from a handful of winners (Red Steel 2, Tiger Woods PGA Tour 10) to a handful of losers (James Cameron's Avatar, Racquet Sports) to five or six take-em-or-leave-ems in the mediocre column. A failure as developer support goes?

Hard to say. I tend to think so, but what do I know, save that the often ridiculed Virtual Boy had more games in the bag 12 months out.

The Wii will now also ship in two colors--white or black--adding to the company's expanding line of cosmetically kaleidoscopic peripherals.



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15 years after treatment, smokers more likely to have a new tumor, study finds



Breast cancer survivors who smoke are at increased risk for a second cancer, a new study shows.

Researchers followed women who were diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer and underwent breast-conserving therapy, which con-

sists of a lumpectomy followed by radiation therapy.

Fifteen years after treatment, the overall risk of developing a new, second cancer was 25 percent in the 796 smokers and 19 percent in nonsmokers. The risk of

developing cancer in the breast that hadn't been treated for cancer was 13 percent for smokers and 8 percent in nonsmokers.

"These new data are significant in that they show women can exercise some control over a known risk factor for developing a new second cancer," senior investigator Dr. Bruce G. Haffty, associate director of the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, said in a news release.

The study was to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Radium Society, May 1 to 5 in Cancun, Mexico.

Vitamin E shows promise for treating liver disease

LOS ANGELES — People with a common, obesity-related liver disease that has no known treatment got a surprising benefit from vitamin E pills, researchers reported.

It appears to be the first time that a vitamin supplement has been shown to help treat a major ailment not caused by a nutrient deficiency. However, doctors warned that this does not mean people should automatically take vitamin E since some research suggests it might raise the risk of other problems.

The latest study tested it for nonalcoholic fatty liver disease. Fat buildup can cause the liver to become inflamed and scarred over time and in severe cases, to fail.

The disease usually develops in people who are middle-aged and overweight or obese. Up to 5 percent of Americans have the most serious form of it, and as many as 20 percent have fat in their livers but no organ damage.

In the study published online in the New England Journal of Medicine, 247 adults with advanced fatty liver disease were randomly assigned to take a high dose of vitamin E (800 international units), the diabetes drug Actos or dummy pills for nearly two years.

The vitamin and drug were tested because earlier research suggested liver cell deterioration and insulin re-

sistance might be involved in the development of the disease.

Biopsies before and after treatment showed that liver function improved in 43 percent of those in the vitamin E group compared with 19 percent in the placebo group.

"In all honesty, I was surprised," said the lead researcher, Dr. Arun Sanyal of Virginia Commonwealth University. "A vitamin has not been previously used to cure a serious disease" that is not caused by a deficiency.

Vitamin deficiency has been blamed for a range of health problems from rickets and osteoporosis from a lack of vitamin D to scurvy from not enough vitamin C.

Study participants on the diabetes drug Actos also improved, but to a lesser degree and with a drawback: gaining 10 pounds on average, which remained even after they stopped taking the drug. Four people who took vitamin E developed diabetes, but the study was too small to determine if the vitamin played any role.

The National Institutes of Health was the study's main sponsor. A U.S. subsidiary of Japan-based Takeda Pharmaceutical provided the drug and California-based supplement maker Pharmavite supplied the vitamin E capsules. Sanyal, the lead researcher, has received consulting fees from Takeda and other drug

companies.

Liver expert Dr. Sammy Saab at the University of California, Los Angeles, believes vitamin E could potentially become the initial treatment for advanced cases of the liver problem.

"For patients who are really at risk of progressive liver disease, I think it's worthwhile. For the vast majority who just have fatty liver, I'm not sure it will help them at all," said Saab, who had no role in the study.

Dr. Zobair Younossi, executive director of research at the nonprofit Inova Health System in Virginia, said people with nonalcoholic fatty liver disease at the very least should make lifestyle changes such as eating a healthy diet and exercising to shed the pounds.

While vitamin E may help certain people with obesity-related liver disease, "I wouldn't get started on high-dose vitamin E without discussing it first with a doctor," said Younossi, who has no connection to the research.

In recent years, hype over vitamin supplements in treating major diseases has not panned out. A 2008 study found that vitamins C and E pills do not ward off heart disease in men and vitamin E even appeared to raise the risk of bleeding strokes. Another study found the same supplements do not help prevent cancer in men.

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- Oatmeal: Its fiber keeps you full until dinner.
- Celery: Top it with a little peanut butter, and you've got a pick-me-up for pennies.
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The menu that follows is amazing: appetizers include tuna tataki, seafood tempura, smoked salmon, keshi yena, escargots and beef carpaccio. But if you are a breakfast person, you can order omelets, scrambled eggs, pancakes or sausages and eggs.

With a pumpkin soup as an option, you can drift towards the main choices of this culinary happening: beef tenderloin, pork medallions, salmon

filet, mahi mahi, chicken breast and shrimps are among the options; they are accompanied by potato croquettes, rice and vegetables.

Dessert is what most Mom's will be yearning for, so go wild and order the hot plums with vanilla ice cream, the mango sherbet, the coconut cake, the banana split, the chocolate cake, the quesadilla, the cheese cake or the apple pie. Options galore, each one as delicious as the next.

For reservations at Amazing International Cuisine Restaurant one should call 5843131. The price for a Mother's Day Brunch is just \$ 28.95; children pay \$ 18.—(5–12 years old). Guests of 65 and older pay \$ 24.95 (tax and service charge excluded).

So don't forget: make your reservation early! And Moms: a very happy Mother's Day to you!

An ebullient celebration of World Dance Day



The International Dance Committee of the UNESCO International Theatre Institute set April 29 as the International Day of Dance to commemorate the birthday of Jean-Georges Noverre. For the first time since 1952 and the first dance school was introduced to Aruba, major island dance institutions united in a celebration of the day and the art from with a collaborative presentation at the Cas di Cultura.

The evening was informative along with being a visual treat. Minister of Culture, Economic and Social Affairs, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar opened the event with homage to four women who have perpetuated the love of dance over the last two decades by founding the major dance schools of the island. They were Astrid Salazar of Simadanza, Diana Antonette, Sonia Geevers of Step by Step and Ina profet. Major participators in the evening were also the dancers of Club di Movimiento founded by Samanta Westra-Juppa, and the Pachanga Dance School, founded by Oslin and Janice Boekhoudt.

Diana Antonette provided an educational commentary on



the history of dance, both internationally and on Aruba. She explained that French dancer and balletmaster Noverre is generally considered the creator of ballet d'action, a precursor of the narrative ballets of the 19th century. When he authored and published "Lettres Sur la Danse et Les Ballets" in 1760, it marked a revolution in the art of the ballet which is credited to Noverre.

While Diane traced the evolution of organized productions and professional dance companies from their very be-

ginning to present, her information was punctuated by performances by island dancers. Classic ballet, modern dance, street dance, jazz, tap and local folkloric dance were all demonstrated with stunning costumes and spirited choreography.

An appreciative audience lauded the stylish grace of classic ballet and the exuberant energy and athleticism of more modern dance techniques. Expecting a dance recital, they received much more, as the history and passion for the art from unfolded on the stage.

Belated birthday party for Yvonne Tromp



Birthday girl



The three Yvonnies, l. to r. Yvonne Kromhout, Yvonne Tromp and Yvonne Spellen



Last Wednesday, April 28, a group of old friends, all 60-plussers, got together to celebrate the belated birthday of one of their peers, Yvonne Tromp. The ladies enjoyed an afternoon garden high tea party all dressed up with hats and gloves.

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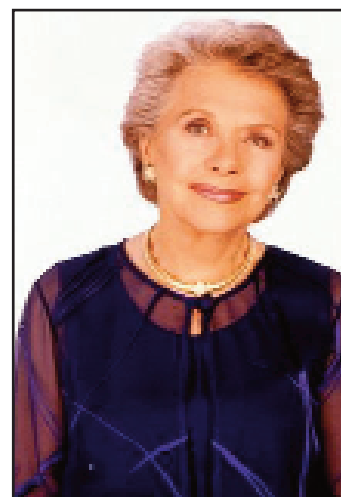
NEW YORK CITY (AP) — Actress Helen Wagner, who played mild-mannered Nancy Hughes on the CBS soap opera "As the World Turns" for more than a half-century and spoke its first words, has died at age 91.

She died Saturday, said the show's New York-based production company, TeleNext Media Inc., which didn't say where she died or what was the cause of her death.

Wagner opened "As the World Turns" when it premiered on April 2, 1956, with the words: "Good morning, dear." She held the Guinness World Record for playing the same role on television for the longest amount of time, 54 years, TeleNext Media said.

"All of us at 'As the World Turns' are deeply saddened by Helen's passing," executive producer Christopher Goutman said in a statement. "She is loved by generations of fans, and while we will miss her greatly Helen will always remain the heart and soul of 'As the World Turns.'"

Wagner, born in 1918, studied drama and music at Monmouth College in Illinois, graduating in 1938. She appeared on Broadway in the 1940s, including a small role in the musical "Oklahoma!"



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In 2002 Wagner received a plaque on the Buddy Holly Walk of Fame in her hometown, TeleNext Media said, and in 2004 she was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

She married producer Robert Willey in 1954, and over the years he served as her manager and agent as well as producing some of her stage appearances.

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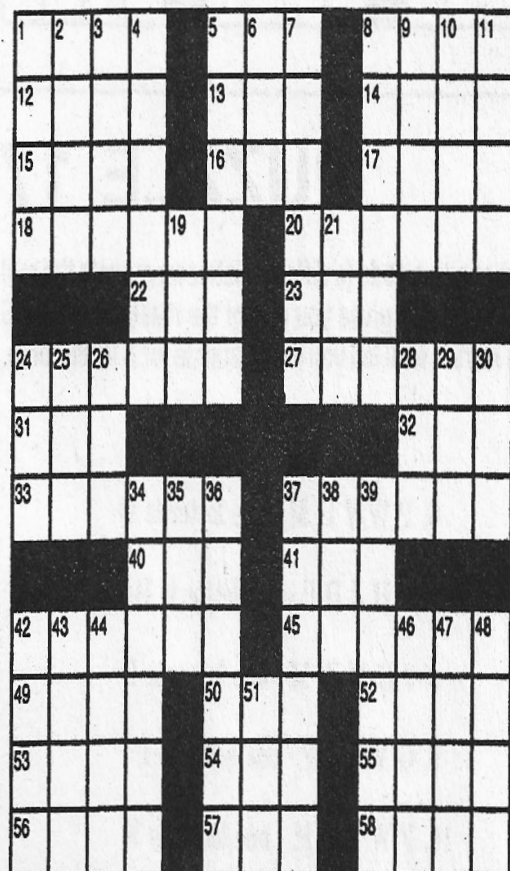
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Merkel: \$29.6 billion in aid for Greece planned

BERLIN — Chancellor Angela Merkel's Cabinet approved legislation yesterday that would give Greece euro22.4 billion (\$29.6 billion) over three years as part of a wider bailout, as the German government acknowledged that letting Greece go bankrupt could send the euro into a tailspin and hurt Germany's own economy.

"It doesn't only mean that we help Greece, but that we stabilize the euro as a whole, which helps people in Germany," said Merkel, who, along with Germany, had been battered by critics for dragging its feet on any decision until Greek bonds were relegated to junk status last week.

The remark was a nod to the popular discontent in Eu-

rope's biggest economy about having to pay so much to help a fellow European Union country that many Germans feel has been fast and loose with its finances for years.

The European Central Bank, meanwhile, suspended its rating limits on Greek debt.

Both moves came after European governments and the International Monetary Fund agreed Sunday to give euro110 billion (\$145 billion) in loans to Greece over three years. The loans came after Athens adopted a new round of austerity measures that provoked fresh uproar among Greek workers.

IMF officials say Greece could start receiving money from the rescue package in about a week.

Economic data — not spill — push oil prices higher

Oil and retail gasoline prices moved higher yesterday, as traders watched whether the massive crude spill in the Gulf of Mexico will curtail imports if the oil slick shuts down a key shipping lane.

Analysts said yesterday oil

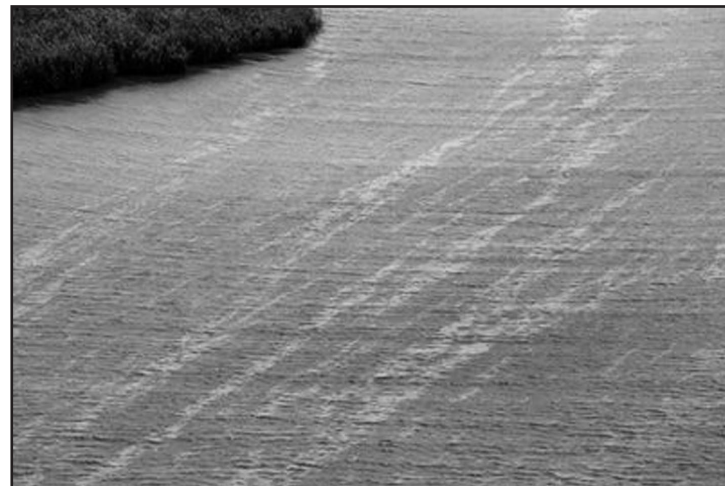
prices are not being driven by the spill for now. Instead they credit economic news — improving manufacturing, construction and consumer spending figures — along with a stronger stock market for driving prices higher.

BP says it will pay for Gulf spill's cleanup

VENICE, Louisiana (AP) — BP PLC said yesterday that it will pay for all the cleanup costs from a massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico that could continue spewing crude for at least another week.

A fact sheet on the company website says BP takes responsibility for the response to the spill after the offshore drilling rig explosion and will pay compensation for "legitimate and objectively verifiable" claims for property damage, personal injury and commercial losses. President Barack Obama and several attorneys general have asked the company to explain what that means.

"We are responsible, not for the accident, but we are responsible for the oil and for dealing with it and cleaning the situation up," chief executive Tony Hayward said yesterday on ABC's "Good Morning America." He said the equip-



Faint streaks of oil sheen flow in the water

ment that failed and led to the spill belonged to owner Transocean Ltd., not BP, which operated the rig, the Deepwater Horizon.

Guy Cantwell, a Transocean spokesman, responded by reading a statement without elaborating.

"We will await all the facts

before drawing conclusions and we will not speculate," he said.

A board investigating the explosion and oil leak plans to hold its first public hearing in roughly two weeks. The cause of the April 20 explosion, which killed 11 workers, has not been determined.

Auto industry on road to recovery but pace slows

DETROIT, Michigan (AP) — The U.S. auto industry stayed on the road to recovery in April, but it eased up on the gas pedal a bit.

Ford Motor Co. saw last month's sales rise 25 percent from a year earlier, while General Motors Co. climbed 6.4 percent. Hyundai, Subaru and others also continued to see

gains from last year.

All automakers report their U.S. sales yesterday, and together they're expected to outpace last April, when the industry was hurt by the economic downturn.

But the industry overall may not be able to maintain the pace of March, when big sales promotions led by Toyota

Motor Corp. fueled higher sales. The Japanese automaker needed to lure buyers after suffering a series of safety recalls beginning last fall.

As buyers' expectations for even better deals grew, demand slowed from March and some automakers eased up on promotions.

Economic outlook is cautious even with spending up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Factories are churning out more goods. Consumers are spending. Government aid is fueling construction activity. But stagnant pay and weak hiring will likely restrain the economic rebound in coming months.

That cautionary picture emerged from a series of economic reports yesterday.

Consumers stepped up their spending in March by the largest amount in five months. Yet the increase was financed out of savings. Incomes rose only slightly.

Unless employers boost pay and ramp up hiring, economists say consumer spending will likely taper off and dampen the recovery.

The construction industry remains a concern, too. Industry spending rose 0.2 percent in March, the first increase in five months, Commerce said. But all the strength came from gov-

ernment activity — much of it related to temporary stimulus money that's expected to run out soon. By contrast, construction by the private sector fell to the lowest level in a decade.

One sector that's helping drive the recovery is manufacturing. Factory production in April grew at the fastest pace in nearly six years, according to the Institute for Supply Management, representing purchasing executives. Its manufacturing index rose to 60.4 in April from 59.6 in March — the ninth straight month of growth. A level above 50 indicates expansion.

Companies are rebuilding their inventories as demand for goods rises. New orders, a gauge of future production, jumped to 65.7 from 61.5 in March, according to the report.

The fastest-growing industries were clothing makers and producers of nonmetallic

goods such as glass, mineral wool and ceramic products used in construction. Makers of wood products, the petroleum and coal sector, and plastics and rubber manufacturers also reported strong growth.

But economists caution that the overall picture is clouded by a weak hiring outlook. A report Friday is expected to show no change in the nation's 9.7 percent unemployment rate.

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UN: No comprehensive climate deal this year



KOENIGSWINTER, Germany (AP) – The United Nations chief negotiator on climate change says there will not be a comprehensive deal to fight global warming this year.

Yvo de Boer told reporters in Germany yesterday the next U.N. climate change conference in Cancun, Mexico, in December will provide a "first answer" on greenhouse gases "but it will not provide an answer that is good enough."

The U.N. climate chief says

a good outcome of Cancun would be decisions on an "operational architecture on climate change" with an actual treaty coming later.

He says he expects such an international climate treaty before the end of 2012, but even that will "not be the definitive answer to the climate change challenge."

"The perfect is the enemy of the good," de Boer said, adding that the Cancun summit should aim to set initial goals on the reduction of greenhouse gases, financial aid for poorer countries and the transfer of "green" technologies to the developing world.

However, he conceded that Cancun would be just one step of many, and said it was too soon to reach agreement on ways to limit greenhouse gas emissions to a level that would help halt global warming.

"The battle to address climate change is a longer one," the UN climate change negotiator added.

De Boer said earlier this year he will resign July 1.

Housewives, bankers battle in Chavez militia



A member of the National Revolutionary Militia stands holding her rifle on Militia Day in Caracas, April 13, 2010.

CHARALLAVE, Venezuela (AP) – A 54-year-old housewife fires the machine gun for the first time, lets loose a thunderous burst of gunfire and beams with satisfaction. A boot camp instructor shouts, "Kill those gringos!"

Thousands of civilian volunteers in olive-green fatigues are training over the weekend at a Venezuelan army base, where they learn to crawl under barbed wire, fire assault rifles and stalk enemies in combat. Known as the Bolivarian Militia, this spirited group of mostly working-class men and women — from students to retirees — are united by their militant support for President Hugo Chavez and their willingness to defend his government.

From what exactly?

Chavez has repeatedly warned of potential threats: the United States, U.S.-allied Colombia and the Venezuelan "oligarchy," as he labels opponents. He has called on recruits to be ready to lay down their lives if necessary to battle "any threat, foreign or domestic," even though Venezuela has never fought a war against another nation.

In the meantime, the militia is a practical tool for Chavez to engage his supporters, rally nationalist fervor and intimidate any opponents who might consider another coup like the one he survived in 2002. One close aide, Public Works Minister Diosdado Cabello, said there are already 120,000 in the militia and that it could grow to 200,000.

Chavez opponents call those figures grossly exaggerated, but they're still alarmed that government loyalists are being armed across the country. They also condemn the more than \$4 billion that Chavez has spent on Russian weapons, including guns, helicopters and Sukhoi fighter jets which now sometimes thunder

over Caracas.

The militia "is a personal army, a Praetorian Guard," said retired Rear Adm. Elias Buchsner, a Chavez opponent. He said despite Chavez's talk about repelling a U.S. invasion, the militia is really aimed at maintaining control, keeping him in power, and "making the country fear that if anything is done the militiamen are going to come out."

Members of the volunteer force range from the unemployed to electricians, bankers and social workers. Most of those interviewed during the training in April said they either benefit from free state education programs or work as public employees. They aren't paid to attend events but receive about \$7 to offset transportation costs.

As part of the training, they line up at a firing range aiming decades-old, Belgian-made FAL rifles at red bull's-eyes on paper targets 80 yards (75 meters) away. They practice reacting to an ambush in the forest, camouflaged with mud-smeared faces and with dry grass stuck in the collars of their uniforms.

They crouch for cover behind a pig pen and fire blanks into an abandoned building in a mock raid on hostage-takers. Spent shells clink onto the concrete as shots echo through the building, and one man shouts "all clear!"

Their instructors, including both experienced militia troops and army officers, say one objective is to ready them for a war of resistance against an occupying force. They allude to insurgents battling U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Chavez addressed an estimated 35,000 militia members at an outdoor rally on April 13, the eighth anniversary of his return to power after the failed 2002 coup. Wearing the red beret of his army years, Chavez unsheathed a sword



Hugo Chavez holds the sword of independence hero Simon Bolivar during the ceremony.

that once belonged to the 19th-century independence hero Simon Bolivar — the inspiration for his Bolivarian Revolution movement — and held it up as he swore in militia troops.

"You should be ready to take up the arms you have there at any time and go out to give your lives, if you have to, for the Bolivarian Revolution!" Chavez bellowed. He said without giving details that he is sure some opponents hope to assassinate him.

"If they were to do it ... there are my militias, there are my people. You know what you would have to do: Simply take all power in Venezuela, absolutely all! Sweep away the bourgeoisie from all political and economic spaces. Deepen the revolution!" he told the crowd.

Some who belong to the militia say Venezuelans have nothing to fear, that their only purpose is to protect the country and that their guns are locked away in military depots when not in use. They also carry out missions including standing guard at state-run markets, and say they would be prepared to respond in earthquakes or other disasters.

Others are trained in how to safeguard Venezuela's oil industry and keep fuel flowing in the event of a conflict.

Perhaps most important for some, they feel empowered because Chavez has included them in this effort.

"We aren't here because anyone forced us to be. We're here because we're patriots," said Maria Henriquez, an unemployed 44-year-old who emerged covered with dust after crawling through a trench under barbed wire. As for Chavez, she said, "We'd give our lives for him."





Bucks hope to build on unexpected success

MILWAUKEE(AP) — Even with Andrew Bogut healthy, the Milwaukee Bucks weren't supposed to do much this season.

They certainly weren't expected to make the playoffs or throw a serious scare into the heavily favored Atlanta Hawks in the first round, not after Bogut was lost to a gruesome arm injury near the end of the regular season.

So when the undermanned Bucks took an unlikely 3-2 series lead before losing the last two games, they reignited Milwaukee's largely latent NBA fan support and briefly took center stage in a crowded local sports scene.

"It was great," Bucks coach Scott Skiles said Monday as players cleared out their lockers. "That's what was so disappointing about Game 6. You could tell, it was palpable, the disappointment after the game in the locker room."

Skiles said he'll be "haunted" by those last two losses for a while, but the way the season ended doesn't detract from a team that tried hard on defense, rebounded well and didn't get derailed by individual players' agendas — not exactly the sorts of things the Bucks were known for before Skiles came to town.

"It all kind of fell into place," Skiles said. "The main thing is, we didn't have what I guess I'll call the typi-

cal NBA issues that crop up on teams, the agendas and things that go on a lot that are just human nature-type things. It was a really, really good group to coach."

Now with Bogut expected to be fully healed in time for next season's training camp and guard Brandon Jennings coming off a brilliant rookie year, the Bucks will have a good chance to build on their success and aim even higher next season — and, perhaps, make Milwaukee more of a basketball town along the way.

"It's just the beginning," Jennings said. "Buckle up, because it's going to be a long ride."

But will John Salmons be sitting shotgun?

Bucks general manager John Hammond acquired Salmons in a trade deadline deal with Chicago, landing a versatile scoring threat the team sorely needed. Salmons was in the middle of a so-so season for the Bulls but flourished after the move to Milwaukee.

"Chicago wasn't going well," Salmons said. "But coming here just turned my season around."

Bogut, Jennings and other Bucks players said it was critical for the team to bring Salmons back.

Salmons has a player option for next season, or he can opt out of his contract to become a free agent. Salmons

acknowledged that opting out was "a pretty good option" but wasn't by any means ruling out a return, noting that the Bucks could contend with Bogut healthy.

"To have him back next year, who knows? We could become a real threat to teams in the East," Salmons said. "We've got to see what happens."

Skiles expects Salmons to test the market.

"We certainly have great interest in John," Skiles said. "I mean, that goes without saying. He's been our kind of player."

As it turns out, so was Jennings, who was seen as a risk when the Bucks took him with the No. 10 overall pick in the draft.

All he did was put up a 55-point performance just weeks into his NBA career, go on to start every game for the Bucks and prove himself to be a capable point guard on both ends of the floor.

Confidence never was a problem, either.

Jennings will spend the offseason putting on some muscle and working on his midrange jumper.

Meanwhile, Bogut isn't quite sure when he'll be able to resume working on his game, but has vowed to be healthy in time for preseason training camp. He can't help but wonder what would have happened in the playoffs if he hadn't been hurt.

"I think we scared the daylights out of Atlanta for that series," Bogut said. "Would I liked to have been there? Obviously. It's a frustrating time."

Bogut's injury interrupted what was by far his best season since the Bucks took him with the No. 1 overall pick in the 2005 draft.

"He is the key, the centerpiece, to everything the Bucks do," veteran Jerry Stackhouse said.

While Bogut was highly visible during the Bucks' playoff run, fellow injured player Michael Redd wasn't around the team. Redd sustained a season-ending left knee injury for the second straight year, and Bogut acknowledged that not even Redd's teammates are sure he'll make it back.

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matinee:	2:15	late show:	11:45	
PG-13 THE LOSERS				**NEW**
daily:	5:45	8:00		
matinee:	12:45	3:15	late show:	11:00
PG-13 DEATH AT A FUNERAL				
daily:	4:45	7:00	9:15	
matinee:	12:15	2:30	late show:	11:30
PG-13 CLASH OF THE TITANS				**3D**
daily:	6:15	8:45		
matinee:	1:00	3:30	late show:	11:30
PG ALICE IN WONDERLAND				**3D**
daily:	4:00	6:30		
matinee:	1:15	late show:		
PG THE LAST SONG				
daily:		9:00		
matinee:		late show:	11:45	

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PG FURRY VENGEANCE				NEW
daily:	5:45	8:00	10:15	
matinee:	1:15	3:30	late show:	12:30

PG-13 IRON MAN 2				**NEW**
daily:	5:30	8:30		
matinee:	12:00	2:45	late show:	11:15
PG HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON				**3D**
daily:	4:15	6:30	8:45	
matinee:	1:45	late show:	11:00	
PG-13 THE BACK-UP PLAN				
daily:	4:30	7:00	9:15	
matinee:	2:00	late show:	11:45	
PG DIARY OF A WIMPY KID				
daily:				
matinee:	12:30	2:45	late show:	
R COP OUT				
daily:	6:15	9:00		
matinee:	1:00	3:45	late show:	11:30
PG-13 DATE NIGHT				
daily:	5:00	7:30	9:45	
matinee:		late show:	12:00	

NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET (THRILLER): A GROUP OF SUB-URBAN TEENAGES SHARE ONE COMMON BOND; THEY ARE ALL BEING STALKED BY FREDDY KRUEGER, A HORRIBLY DISFIGURED KILLER WHO HUNTS THEM IN THEIR DREAMS. AS LONG AS THEY STAY AWAKE, THEY CAN PROTECT ONE ANOTHER... BUT WHEN THEY SLEEP, THERE IS NO ESCAPE.

On the road to 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa

Veteran Van Nistelrooy out in the cold for World Cup



THE HAGUE – Veteran striker Ruud Van Nistelrooy looks set to miss out on the World Cup finals after he was left out of the squad called up for a training camp on Monday.

The 33-year-old Hamburg forward - scorer of 33 goals in his 64 international appearances - can only hope to play in his second World Cup finals if one of the strikers selected by coach Bert Van Marwijk is injured prior to the June 1 deadline for the final squad to be announced.

Van Nistelrooy, who joined Hamburg midway through the season from Real Madrid, had recently indicated that he would like to end his self-imposed exile from the national squad.

This first training camp for players, whose season has come to an end will take place at Hoenderlo from May 10-14 while a second one with those players still involved with their clubs will be held in Austria on May 19.

Among those who will be allowed to miss out on the first camp are Wesley Sneijder, Arjen Robben and Mark van Bommel as they are preparing for the Champions League final on May 22 between Inter Milan and Bayern Munich.

AC Milan's Klaas-Jan Huntelaar and Rafael van der Vaart of Real Madrid have also been given the green

light to miss the first camp.

Van Marwijk will announce a squad of 30 players before finalising his 23 on June 1.

The Dutch - who have yet to win the World Cup despite reaching two finals in 1974 and 1978 - have been drawn with Denmark, Japan and Cameroon for the finals which gets under way on June 11 and runs till July 11.

Squad for first training camp:

Ibrahim Afellay (PSV Eindhoven), Vurnon Anita (Ajax), Ryan Babel (Liverpool/ENG), Otman Bakkal (PSV Eindhoven), Sander Boschker (FC Twente), Khalid Boulahrouz (VfB Stuttgart/GER), Edson Braafheid (Celtic/SCO), Wout Brama (FC Twente),

Eljero Elia (Hamburg/GER), Orlando Engelaar (PSV Eindhoven), John Heitinga (Everton/ENG), Nigel de Jong (Manchester City/ENG), Dirk Kuyt (Liverpool/ENG), Jeremain Lens (AZ Alkmaar), Joris Mathijsen (Hamburg/GER), David Mendes da Silva (AZ Alkmaar), Andre Ooijer (PSV Eindhoven), Stijn Schaars (AZ Alkmaar), Piet Velthuisen (Vitesse Arnhem), Michel Vorm (FC Utrecht), Giovanni van Bronckhorst (Feyenoord), Robin van Persie (Arsenal/ENG), Stijn Schaars (AZ Alkmaar), Maarten Stekelenburg (Ajax), Ron Vlaar (Feyenoord), Gregory van der Wiel (Ajax), Demy de Zeeuw (Ajax).



Happy constructoin workers celebrate after being handed over the World Cup tickets.

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Construction workers one step closer to dream ticket

Today a promise made in September 2008 by FIFA President Joseph S. Blatter and the 2010 Organising Committee (OC) became reality for 27,000 stadium construction workers as the symbolic hand-over of the first FIFA World Cup™ ticket took place at the iconic Soccer City Stadium in Johannesburg.

Organising Committee CEO Dr Danny Jordaan, FIFA Secretary General Jérôme Valcke and Johannesburg's executive mayor Amos Masondo attended the event to pay tribute to the efforts made in upgrading and building the ten world-class football arenas.

"We want to say a big thank you to the men and women whose hard work, skill and creativity brought us to the point we're at today. It is amazing what you have achieved and we hope that you will enjoy your World Cup experience," said Jordaan, who together with the FIFA Secretary General handed over the symbolic ticket to Patrick Gegeza, representing the construction workers who built and upgraded the tournament's ten stadiums.

"I am really proud when I look at the work my fellow workers and I have done over the years. The distribution of the tickets to workers will commence on 17 May when those eligible can collect them at the OC venue offices in the respective Host Cities (exact dates and pick-up venues attached). Each worker will receive two match tickets.

However, the Ticket Fund

is not just about rewarding the construction workers. It is also aimed at having a wider impact on South African society. Hundreds of thousands of kids and adults across South Africa are benefiting from participating in one of the sustainable Ticket Fund programmes implemented by the FIFA Partners adidas, Coca-Cola, Hyundai, Kia, Sony and Visa. Of the 120,000 complimentary category 4 tickets, 66,000 are being allocated as a reward to South Africans in recognition of their contributions to these social and community programmes.

The FIFA Partner projects are focused on three key areas – education, health and the environment. Crucially, the Ticket Fund initiative will not end when the final whistle is blown on 11 July 2010. All the FIFA Partner projects are based on long-term partnerships that will continue to create opportunities for South Africans for years to come. For further details on the Ticket Fund projects, please visit [FIFA.com](http://www.fifa.com/world-cup/organisation/ticketfund/index.html) at: <http://www.fifa.com/world-cup/organisation/ticketfund/index.html>.

For councillor Masondo, the event marked a special day: "As we are standing here at Soccer City stadium, a venue that will host the opening and the final matches of the 2010 FIFA World Cup, I am so proud to say that this was done by these workers sitting in front of us. They have been involved in building some of the most impressive stadiums in Africa and indeed the world."



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Lefty has a chance to go to No. 1 this week

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida (AP)—That 15-foot birdie putt Phil Mickelson made on the final hole at Quail Hollow meant more than an extra \$130,000 for finishing in second place alone.

It put him in position to become No. 1 in the world.

Mickelson could reach the top spot in the world ranking for the first time in his career by winning The Players Championship this week, provided Tiger Woods finishes out of the top five.

Of the players considered to be the “Big Four” of this generation—Woods, Mickelson, Vijay Singh and Ernie Els—Mickelson is the only player to have never been No. 1.

The Quail Hollow Championship had already been decided when Mickelson came to the 18th hole in a tie for second with Angel Cabrera, five shots behind winner Rory McIlroy. The final birdie that made him solo runner-up gave him enough extra points for a chance to rise to No. 1 at the TPC Saw-



Phil Mickelson

grass.

Woods, who missed the cut last week for only the sixth time in his career, has been No. 1 the last five years.

Mickelson is trying to become only the 13th player to be No. 1 since the rankings began in 1986, and he has momentum on his side. He

won The Players Championship two years ago, and he is coming off a Masters victory and a runner-up finish at Quail Hollow.

“I’m glad that this first tournament went well, because after a couple weeks off after a big high like Augusta, you never know where

the game is going to be at,” Mickelson said Sunday. “And the way that I played and kept the ball in play and hit good shots, I’m looking forward to next week.”

Woods is coming off the highest 36-hole score of his career at Quail Hollow. He shot a 79 in the second

round—the second-highest round as a pro—and missed the cut by eight shots.

Woods arrived on Monday for a practice round with Rod Pampling.

It is rare for Woods to show up at regular PGA Tour events on Monday, although he said last week before leaving Quail Hollow that his home course at Isleworth is torn up at the moment because of renovations.

This is the second time in the last two years that Woods’ top ranking was on the line. Last year at Doral, Sergio Garcia could have become No. 1 with a victory in the World Golf Championship provided Woods was 27th or worse. In that situation, however, Woods had never finished out of the top 10 at Doral.

While he won The Players Championship in 2001, this is the only tournament where Woods has finished out of the top 20 at least five times. Last year, he played in the final group (five shots behind Alex Cejka), but closed with a 73 to finish eighth.